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Resignations and Appointments

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Appointment of bishop of Tiruchirapalli, India

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Tiruchirapalli, India, the Reverend Savarimuthu Arokiaraj, of the clergy of the same diocese, until now rector of the Holy Redeemer's Basilica in Tiruchirapalli.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Savarimuthu Arokiaraj was born on 24 October 1954 in Lalapettai, in the diocese of Tiruchirapalli. He carried out his studies in philosophy (1974-1976) and in theology (1977-1980) at Saint Peter's Seminary in Bangalore. He was awarded a doctorate in theology with specialisation in liturgy at the *Institut Catholique de Paris* (2002).

He was ordained a priest on 8 January 1981 for the diocese of Tiruchirapalli.

Since priestly ordination, he has held the following offices: parish vicar of Saint Joseph's Church, Dindigul (1981); parish priest in Ayyampatty (1981-1986) and Udayapatty (1986-1987); secretary of the Commission for the Liturgy of the Tamil Nadu Bishops' Council (1988-1991, 2002-2008); regional secretary of the Commission for the Liturgy, Tindivanam (1991-1994); diocesan chancellor (2009-2015) and parish priest in Subramaniapuram (2009-2012); teacher of liturgy at Saint Paul's Seminary (2012-2015); parish priest of the Cathedral of Tiruchirapalli (2014ì5-2016); rector of Saint Paul's Seminary (2016-2019) and, since 2019, rector of the Holy Redeemer's Basilica in Tiruchirapalli.

Appointment of bishop of Port Blair, India

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Port Blair, India, the Reverend Visuvasam Selvaraj, of the clergy of Port Blair, until now diocesan administrator of the same see.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Visuvasam Selvaraj was born on 4 January 1966 in Raja Annamalaipuram, in the metropolitan archdiocese of Madras and Mylapore (State of Tamil Nadu). He began his priestly formation in the Minor Seminary of Madras, Santhome. He studied philosophy at the Sacred Heart Seminary in Chennai and theology at Saint Albert's College in Ranchi. He was ordained a priest on 8 May 1994 for the ciocese of Port Blair. He obtained a Master's degree in canon law from Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute in Bangalore (1999-2001).

Since priestly ordination he has held the following positions: parish vicar of the Cathedral (1994-1995); diocesan procurator (1995-1998); parish vicar in Mayabunder (1998-1999); director of diocesan Social Services (2001-2006); chancellor and judicial vicar (2001-2019); parish priest in Katchal (2006-2010); parish priest of the Cathedral (2010-2013); rector of the Shrine, member of the diocesan College of Consultors, deputy financial administrator and director of diocesan Social Services (2013-2015); financial administrator of the diocese (2015-2017) and vicar general (2017-2019). Since 2017 he has served as commissioner for Christian Communities and Catechesis and from 2020 to date, diocesan administrator of Port Blair.

Appointment of bishop of Malaybalay, Philippines

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Malaybalay, Philippines, the Reverend Noel P. Pedregosa, of the clergy of the same diocese, until now diocesan administrator and rector of the Cathedral.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Noel P. Pedregosa was born on 18 October 1964 in Bialong, M'lang, North Cotabato, in the diocese of Malaybalay. After attending the *Loyola High School Don Carlos*, he attended courses in philosophy at the Saint Isidro College of Malaybalay, Bukidnon, and in theology at the Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary of Cagayan de Oro. He was subsequently awarded a licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Loyola School of Theology at the Manila Athenaeum.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Malaybalay on 11 September 1991.

He subsequently held the following positions: parish vicar at *San Isidro Labrador* (1991-1993); parish priest at *San Vicente Ferrer*, Buda (1993-1997); formator at the Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary, Cagayan de Oro (2001-2004); rector at the Saint John XXIII College Seminary, Malaybalay (2004-2012) and parish priest at I*mmaculate Conception*, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon (2012-2017).

Since 2017, he has served as vicar general of the diocese of Malaybalay and rector of San Isidro Cathedral. On 7 July 2020, he was appointed as diocesan administrator.

Appointment of vicar apostolic of Taytay, Philippines

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Broderick Soncuaco Pabillo as vicar apostolic of Taytay, Philippines, transferring him from the titular see of Sitifi and from the office of auxiliary of the metropolitan archdiocese of Manila.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Karaganda, Kazakhstan

The Holy Father has appointed as auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Karaganda, Kazakhstan, the Reverend Msgr. Yevgeniy Zinkovskiy, until now vicar general of the same diocese, assigning him the titular see of Maiuca.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Yevgeniy Zinkovskiy was born on 27 July 1975 in Shortandy, Kazakhstan.

After primary and secondary school, he completed his philosophical and theological formation in Gniezno, Poland.

He was ordained a priest on 1 August 1999. After ordination, he was deputy parish priest of the then *Saint Joseph's Cathedral* parish in Karaganda.

From 2001-2003 he studied at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, where he obtained a licentiate in Philosophy.

From 2003 to 2011, he served as parish priest in Balkhash (2003-2009) and Temirtau (2009-2011).

In 2011, he was appointed as chancellor of the diocesan Curia. From 2015 until the present he has been vicar general of Karaganda.

In 2018 he received his doctorate in philosophy from the John Paul II Pontifical University in Krakow.

In addition to Russian and Polish, he also speaks Italian and English.

Appointment of secretary of the Fabric of Saint Peter

The Holy Father has appointed as secretary of the Reverend Fabric of Saint Peter the Reverend Msgr. Orazio Pepe, formerly office head of the Section for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State.